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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW Room 5319  
Washington, DC 20590

July 15, 2004

Subject: **Safety Recall 04303 (NHTSA N/A)**

Dear Sir:

On July 15, 2004, IC Corporation declared that a safety defect may exist in the motor vehicles listed on sheet two of this report, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Attached is a vehicle defect information report, which is submitted pursuant to Parts 573.5, 151 (1), and 153 (1-6) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Very truly yours,

IC CORPORATION

Robert L. Douglas  
Director of Product Integrity

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George Person  
Office of Defects Investigation

Enclosures

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**VEHICLE DEFECT  
INFORMATION REPORT**

NHTSA Ref: N/A  
IC Recall No. 04303

MAKE	MODELS	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURING DATES		OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
				FROM	THROUGH	
IC Corporation	CE	2005	538	6/24/2003	6/1/2004	PB105 w/Vandal Lock

Total Number of Vehicles:

538

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: is 100%

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RECALL NO 04303

NHTSA N/A

### VEHICLE DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

**DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:** Some 2005 model year conventional school buses were built with "Vandal Lock" systems that do not provide the same warning to the driver that was previously provided. On previous conventional school buses built before the new 2005 model year the "Vandal Lock" system would provide an audio sound to warn the driver that the emergency exit door(s) were locked with the "Vandal Lock" system after the engine had been started. The "Vandal Lock" system installed on these units is compliant to all federal and state regulations. The units were built between June 24, 2003 and May 28, 2004.

**CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS, WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:**

May 25, 2004: Dealer notified Engineering at Our Tulsa plant.

May 26, 2005 IC Compliance department was notified of the complaint and determined that this was a customer dissatisfaction issue and not a compliance issue.

July 15, 2004: Our Compliance Committee reviewed this issue and determined that engaging of the "Vandal Lock", (locking of the emergency exit), after the engine has been started without warning the driver could increase the time for passengers to egress through the emergency exit door in a panic situation.

**MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO REPAIR VEHICLE:** All units built with this defect and not shipped as of May 28, 2004 were repaired at the plant facilities. The repair procedure for this defect will require adding a wire to the current system.

**REMEDY EXPENSE:** IC will provide parts at no charge and reimburse the customers or dealers for labor. IC and its Affiliate Companies warrants the equipment involved in this defect notice for five (5) years/unlimited miles after delivery to the original retail purchaser and therefore will not provide notification, regarding reimbursement because the vehicles involved in this defect notification were built after June 24, 2003.

**EARLIEST DATE DEFECT TO BE REMEDIED:** IC will have parts available for shipping by August 12, 2004.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE:** There will be no public announcement.

**OWNER LETTER AND TECHNICAL LETTER:** Letters will be issued by August 15, 2004.